ILO guidelines on unemployment of Beedi workers

3180. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ILO has laid down strict guidelines on unemployment being created in labour intensive sectors like beedi production;

(b) whether such guidelines are being flouted by anti beedi legislation;

(c) whether any enquiry will be conducted into the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Financial compensation to retrenched workers industrial units

3181. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an exclusive fund entitled "National Renewal Fund" has been created for financing compensations to retrenched workers/employees in industrial units as well as deployment of surplus employees;

(b) details thereof;

(c) details of utilisation of the fund for its stipulated purposes, alongwith details of number of employees retrenched, amount of compensations paid to them and number of employees redeployed and the cost incurred on their training, in public sector and private sector units seperately, so far;

(d) whether it is a fact that detailed guidelines have been given to the industries enumerating the scope available to them under the provisions of the Fund;

(e) if so, details thereof;

(f) whether BIFR, which has been the nodal agency inter alia for channelising efforts for revival/rehabilitation of sick industrial units, has been involved in the process of deployment of the National Renewal Fund; and

(g) details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

Unemployed persons registered with employment exchanges in Gujarat

3182. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many jobless persons are registered with various Employment Exchanges in the State of Gujarat so far with district-wise details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to provide special grants to the State to give unemployment allowance to the jobless youth of the State; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in Gujarat as on 31.1.1995 was 9.1 lakhs. District-wise data are not maintained.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. It is felt that available resources should be utilised for creating productive employment generation.